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title: Regarding price rise in the country.

SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL (ZAHEERABAD): Madam, rising prices of almost all items, including the essential commodities, have become a regular and common feature now-a-days. The rise in prices is to some extent unavoidable due to varying demand and supply situations *vis-Ã -vis* rapidly increasing population in India. One of the major reasons for rising prices is lack of timely and effective measures taken by the Government Departments concerned to check the malpractices of unscrupulous traders who create artificial shortage and charge exorbitant prices from needy persons. It is seen that even life-saving drugs are not being spared. The worst affected lot is the middle-class, especially the salaried working class having fixed income, who have to maintain a reasonable standard of living and, at the same time, have to manage to pay the increasing prices of essential commodities.

It is high time the Government should have a regular and effective system of maintaining control on rising prices of these essential commodities and life-saving drugs, to offer some relief to common man from this increasing burden of rising prices. Rising prices is a phenomenon which is particularly acute in developing countries like in India. A slight rise in prices is not a bad thing as it accounts for the growth in economy and rise in employment opportunities and better days for the workers.

The socialistic pattern of society collapses under this type of burden. The rich tend to become richer and the poor become poorer. The prices of food grains have been rising continuously. The Government should do something in this direction and only then the real welfare of the masses will be ensured. Thank you.

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